THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Kurukshetra is having a 4000 lines E-10 B RLU type Electronic exchange which is parented to Ambala Digital TAX on Digital Coaxial/140 Mbs Digital Micro-wave for STD services. Ladwa is also having an electronic exchange of 1128 lines of C-DOT SBM type and is connected to Kurukshetra on 120 Chi. Digital UHF. At Babain an electronic exchange ILT-512 P has been commissioned on 30-3-94 with a 30 Chl. Digital PCM system to Ladwa. Telephone connections to village Naraingarh have been fed from Babain Telephone exchange on overhead alignment and there are only four telephone connections working in Naraingarh village. The Stations Hissar, Delhi & Yamuna Nagar etc. are available through Ambala TAX on digital transmission media providing reliable STD services.

(d) (i) The estimated expenditure on Ladwa-Babain PCM system is about Rs. 10,88,400/- and

(ii) The estimated expenditure on Kurukshetra-Ladwa 120 Chl. digital UHF system is about Rs. 55,16,700 totalling Rs. 66,05,100 during the last year and same upto April, 1994.

New Telephone Exchange in Shivajinagar in Pune

4366. SHRI V. N. GADGIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a proposal that the new telephone exchange in Shivajinagar, Pune, should be named General Arun Vaidya Exchange; and

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under active consideration.

Opening of Sub-Post Office at Basot and Branch Post Office at Kota

4367. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the resident of Basot have represented for opening a Sub-Post Office at Basot, District Almora;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have also requested for opening Branch Post Office at Kota; and

(c) if so, by when a Sub-Post Office at Basot and Branch Post Office at Kota are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYA NAIDU) : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for upgradation of Basot Extra Departmental Branch Office to Departmental Sub Office in District Almora was examined but not find justified according to the departmental norms. Opening of a Branch Post Office at Kota will be considered during the current Annual Plan subject to fulfilment of departmental norms, allotment of target and availability of resources.

Installation of Telephones in Central and South Delhi

4368. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2581 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1994, and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone connections have been provided so far to most of the registrants in General Category under the Janapath and Kidwai Bhawan telephone exchanges, connections for which have been released upto 31st December, 1993 and the Chanakyapuri exchange for which connections have been released upto 17th September, 1992 ;

(b) if not so, the reasons therefor;